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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE CALL FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION ON
WEATHER MODIFICATION

REF: A) STATE 19477; B) MANILA 1585

1. IN OPENING SPEECH TO WMO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION V
MEETING FEBRUARY 11, PHILIPPINE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
MELCHOR (WHO HAD SPEECH READ FOR HIM BY ASSISTANT)
CALLED FOR NEW EMPHASIS BY WMO ON APPLICATION OF
METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH TO IMPROVING MAN'S CONTROL OVER
HIS ENVIRONMENT, AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS, WITH
EMPHASIS ON TYPHOON MODERATION, BE THE PRIMARY PROGRAM OF
WMO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST PACIFIC NATIONS.

2. CITING HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN
WEATHER MODIFICATION, HE ACKNOWLEDGED OFFICIAL FEELINGS
WITHIN WMO THAT EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS ARE STILL TOO
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TENTATIVE TO DESERVE LARGE-SCALE SUPPORT. HE ASSERTED,
HOWEVER, THAT SUCCESS GOP HAS ACHIEVED IN THIS AREA

(LARGELY RAIN STIMULATION) "IS SUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSES OF PRACTICAL APPLICATION".

3. REFERRING TO NEED FOR SOPHISTICATED AND EXPENSIVE TECHNOLOGY, MELCHOR SAID: "WE ARE NOW BUILDING UP OUR TECHNICAL SKILLS AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND WE HOPE IN A FEW YEARS TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE THAN SIMPLY WARN OUR PEOPLE OF IMPENDING TYPHOONS". HE ADDED THAT PLANNING SHOULD GO BEYOND A SINGLE NATION'S RAINMAKING OR TYPHOON MODERATION PROGRAM TO A REGION-WIDE PROGRAM, AND CALLED FOR ACTIVE WMO PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROGRAMS, SPECIFICALLY THAT "THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER POOLING OUR MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO CREATE REGIONAL TEAMS TO UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC WEATHER MODIFICATION PROJECTS. THE PHILIPPINES CERTAINLY IS READY TO CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE TO SUCH A SCHEME."

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